

MEETING MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 23, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Rotonda West Community Center

Attendees: Bob Barrett, Susan Killion, Russell Kulp, John Peszko, Stanley Plizga, Scott Schermerhorn

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

Mr. Peszko introduced the County staff that was in attendance.

The minutes from July 1, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- Dr. Richards from 190 Fairway Rd. commented on the water that lies in the back of his property year round even during the dry season. Mr. Peszko stated there was a Rotonda Drainage Study and there is a list of addresses that the County will be addressing over time. Mr. Peszko included Dr. Richard's address on the list.
- Mr. Lyons stated that some of the water issues may be the responsibility of the golf course and not the MSBU. Mr. Peszko stated that each location will be evaluated individually to determine who is responsible for funding the repair.
- Mr. Perkins thanked the Committee for the entrance signs that have been constructed. He suggested a barrier be installed between the planted areas and the grass areas as a future project.
- Ms. Abarbanell stated she was at this meeting on behalf of 6 property owners at the end of Pine Valley near the Brass Bridge and Rotonda Weir. The "No Trespassing" signs on the weir are ignored and people trespass on the weir and the adjacent private properties at all times of the day and night. The weir is owned by the County. She has contacted the Sheriff's Department; however nothing has been done. Mr. Peszko stated it is the property owner's responsibility to report trespassing on private property. He suggested moving the complaint up the chain of command at the Sheriff's Department if need be. Ms. Abarbanell suggested a "No Fishing" sign to keep people off of the weir.

Unfinished Business:

- Rotonda Blvds North, East & West Sidewalks – Ms. Musselman said Blvds North and East are completed. CCU pulled the Blvd West plans, as they are going to replace all the waterlines for the entire length of Rotonda Blvd. West; it will become part of the sidewalk project. CCU will fund the water line replacement. This project will be posted this week and due to the cost, it will remain on the street for 30 days. The bid will likely be awarded by the second Board of County Commission (BCC) meeting in November. Construction should start in December. The project has 200 days to be completed.
- Parade Circle Phase 2 – Sidewalk Segments to 6 Side Streets – 30% plans will be done by the end of the month. 100% plans should be completed by the beginning of 2015. Construction should begin around March or April 2015.
- Rotonda West Entry Features – They look great but don't light up at night. The power has been hooked up by FPL at four locations. Ms. Musselman will follow up with FPL for a date and report back to Ms. Nothdurft. The new pole at Cape Haze will be moved further east and closer to the front. The Committee requested that Ms. Musselman get an estimate for a metal, plastic or concrete curbing between the grass and planted areas.
- Electric Runs to Bridges – Done and complete.
- Decorative Lighting – On schedule; the 60% plans will be complete by the end of October. 100% plans should be complete by the end of December and the project should go out to bid by end of January.
- Rotonda West Drainage Plan M&O Involvement – Mr. Dallenbach reported that this is being looked at County wide not just in Rotonda West. The information is being compiled.
- Back Yard Drainage Adjacent to Golf Courses/Greenbelt Drainage –
 - Medalist Ct. – Backyard Drainage Problem affects 16 homes. It looks like line and grade will resolve the problem. The Committee would like Maintenance & Operations (M&O) to look at the list.
- Funding for Greenbelt Vegetation Removal – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that this is temporarily on hold until the backyard/greenbelt drainage is discussed.

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- Bike Rack locations – Mr. Dallenbach reported that Mr. Elias is working with the School District to get a student count at each stop to determine where the bike racks should be installed.

New Business:

- Rotonda Weir – There are some no trespassing signs on the weir, but nothing regarding fishing. Ms. Killion stated that fishing is allowed from canal banks and some bridges; however fishing is not allowed from the weir. Ms. Killion recommended changing the existing signs to say “No Fishing from the Weir” rather than adding more signs. Mr. Dallenbach will turn this over to the Traffic Engineer to follow up on what the sign should say and stated it would be helpful to receive input from the Committee on this.
- Recommendation to Repeal Inactive Rotonda Ordinances – County staff recommends repealing the following Rotonda MSBU Ordinances: 1) Rotonda Broadmoor S&D Unit, 2) Rotonda Long Meadow S&D Unit, 3) Rotonda Pinehurst S&D Unit, 4) Rotonda Pine Valley S&D Unit, and 5) Rotonda White Marsh S&D Unit. These units have completed their paving programs, the loans have been paid in full, and they are now part of Rotonda West S & D. Also, it is recommended that the Rotonda Drainage & Waterway Maintenance District MSTU be dissolved as it is inactive and has never been assessed. Ms. Killion made a motion to repeal the six MSBUs; the motion was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously. A public hearing will be announced at the October 14, 2014 BCC meeting and the public hearing will be set for the October 28, 2014 BCC meeting.
- Future Sidewalk Plan – The director of Public Works is asking all Street & Drainage MSBUs to create a wish list of streets where they would like to see sidewalks. Nothing is final at this point. There was discussion regarding the state funded sidewalks on Boundary Blvd.; home owners are complaining that they can't cut their grass due to the steep slope on the swale. The Committee stated they would like a say in how the projects are done if their streets are selected. Ms. Killion made a motion to include Boundary Blvd. and Rotonda Circle in the future sidewalk plan; the motion was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously.
- Future Projects for 2-Year Budget Cycle FY 2016 and FY 2017 – Ms. Nothdurft asked the Committee to start thinking of future projects for the FY2016 and FY2017 budgets and the Committee suggested the following:
 - Stamping the pavement at end of the bridges - Ms. Musselman will get an estimate to stamp the approach up to the concrete slab at the 5 bridges.
 - Segment Signs - Mr. Lyons commented on segment signs that are placed throughout the community that are in the ROW. Ms. Musselman stated the sign ordinance has changed. Mr. Lyons recommends the MSBU think about replacing the existing signs with new monument signs. The committee agreed that the segment signs on Parade Circle and Boundary Blvd. should be replaced with decorative signs and asked Ms. Musselman to get an estimate.
 - Decorative Poles - for street, stop and bridge signs. Ms. Musselman will look into and get samples of poles.
 - Curbing of Medians - Mr. Perkins suggested curbing of the medians that were eliminated from the original plan.
 - Additional plantings
 - Extending the bike path - suggested by Mr. Perkins.
- Financial Reports – The Financial History, Activity and 9 month Actual reports were distributed for review and discussion. Mr. Killion stated that the charges for the Long Meadow Rd. project that were partially funded by the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit did not show on the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit Activity Report. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up. Mr. Plizga asked if they are using funds from their reserves. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- Draft FY 2014/2015 – This was preapproved by the committee last year and will be adopted at the public hearing tomorrow evening.

Open discussion:

- There is a sign in the ROW on Rotonda Blvd. East that is in front of the new entrance sign and it is worn and leaning over. Mr. Peszko asked that it be removed and not replaced. Mr. Dallenbach will look at the sign to see if it is a County sign and determine if it should be replaced. Ms. Killion will take photos of the other signs throughout the community on the ROW and send them to Ms. Nothdurft.
- At the RWA meeting residents suggested installing 1 dozen palm trees (adjusting amount if needed) on the ROW by the bike path to shield the view of the RV/Boat yard. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.

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- Ms. Killion conveyed the community park was cleaned out and looks very nice. The area by the guide wires wasn't done. Mr. Dallenbach stated this is Parks & Recreation, not Public Works.
- Mr. Barrett commented on the 1 cent sales tax signs by the Rotonda West entrances. Mr. Dallenbach noted the signs will be removed after the election in November.

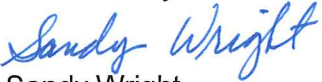
Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- Dr. Richards commented on not seeing any budget information regarding how the MSBU funds are spent. Ms. Nothdurft provided him with a copy of the financial reports.
- Mr. Bondeson commented regarding the paver crosswalks and inquired if pedestrians have the right-of-way when crossing in the crosswalks or should additional signs be installed. Mr. Peszko stated that pedestrians do have the right-of-way, but they should still watch for cars. He doesn't want to keep putting up more and more signs.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Rotonda West Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Sandy Wright
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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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